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## "HUMANIZING" THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Postmaster General Hays Believes That Replacing Democrats With Republican Politicians Will Do It.

(By Richard Linthicum)

In Postmaster General Hays' great and grand plan for "humanizing" the Post Office Department, instances of discrimination against ex-service men in the matter of appointments to postmasterships continue to multiply.

Here are the known facts in his attempt to "humanize" the Post Office at Petersburg, Tenn., a third class office:

Following an examination for postmaster, the Civil Service Commission certified the following eligibles:

1. Cornelius C. London, honorably discharged ex-service man, overseas service, with a rating of 81.43.

2. James M. Hart, honorably discharged ex-service man, with a record of 79.93.

3. Will F. Sherwood, local Republican politician with a rating of 79.63.

London and Hart are reputed to be gentlemen of the highest character and integrity, of exemplary habits, both of excellent families, and with first class standing in that community. London is a Democrat and Hart a Republican. Under the Soldiers' Preference law, as construed and administered by the Wilson administration, they are both entitled to preference over Sherwood, and under another ruling by President Wilson the one with the highest rating would have received the appointment.

Under the ruling by President Harding, as administered by his Postmaster General, making the highest three on the list eligible, and declaring that the Soldiers' Preference Act does not apply to the appointment of postmasters, Mr. Sherwood, the Republican civilian and the lowest man of the three has been nominated by President Harding for the office. It is understood that Sherwood's appointment was recommended by Jno W. Overall, the Republican National Committeeman from Tennessee, who is charged with receiving money from applicants for appointments under the Post Office Department, which charge is the subject of a resolution for an investigation now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. The charges and the known facts in the Overall case were stated in a speech by Senator McKellar in the Senate Chamber August 11, 1921, and are contained in a Congressional Record beginning on page 5316.

A further examination of this case shows that Sherwood does not even reside in the same county in which Petersburg is located. Petersburg is chiefly in Lincoln County and partly in Marshall County, but the "humanizing" influences were extended to Bedford County where the Republican nominee resides.

## Citizens Protest Discriminating Appointment.

Another post office that Postmaster General Hays is undertaking to "humanize" is Old Albuquerque, N. Mex. The postmaster is Charles Mann, Jr., who was appointed some years ago. Prior to the last election his name was submitted to the Senate for reappointment, but no action was taken. An examination was held on August 27 last under the executive order of May 10, 1921, with the following results: Charles Mann, Jr., 96.40; Menard L. Albers, 82.53; Solomon Hernandez, 58.15.

Although Mr. Mann is an ex-service man and was nearly fourteen points ahead of his nearest competitor, on Nov. 15, Mr. Albers was nominated for postmaster and his confirmation is now pending. The only apparent reason for this nomination is that Mr. Mann, the ex-service man, is a Democrat and Mr. Albers, the civilian appointee whose rating was way below Mann, is a Republican and had the endorsement of the Republican Congressmen.

The effect of Postmaster General Hays' "humanizing" efforts in this appointment is shown by the fact that over one hundred of the leading citizens of Old Albuquerque have protested against Albers' appointment. Civil Service Spurned in Dayton, O. The executive orders of President Harding declaring that the Soldiers' Preference law does apply in the appointment of presidential postmasters, and making any one of the highest three on the civil service list eligible for appointment, have not only resulted in discriminations against ex-service men but they strike at the root and principle of the civil service law. It is seemingly the purpose of the administration to appoint only Republicans to postmasterships regardless of the ratings secured by applicants for their service in the army or navy.

An illustration of the extent to which politics is figuring in presidential postmasterships is that at Dayton, Ohio, which has become, according to the Dayton News, "a national scandal," which may become the subject of a Congressional inquiry. "It is a nasty mess," says the Dayton News, and adds: "The President of the United States has no business being mixed up in it."

The former postmaster there is Forrest L. May, one time president of the National Postmasters Association, with many years of service in the Post Office Department, who had worked himself up from a minor position. When the postmaster's term expired, Dr. L. C. Weimer was made acting Postmaster, the order coming by telegram. In an examination held August 10, with eleven applicants Dr. Weimer, a well-known dentist stood fifth on the list, which ordinarily would have put him out of consideration under the President's executive order that appointments should be made from the highest three on the list. But it seems, according to the Dayton News, he had been promised the office of Postmaster by the Republican boss, and he continued to act as postmaster.

The Civil Service Commission has delayed certification of the list, due to the fact that charges have been made against some of the eligibles, necessitating investigation, but as alleged to have been made for the purpose of advancing Dr. Weimer to third place.

The Dayton case is attracting attention throughout the country, and its determination will be an answer, in part, at least, whether or not the civil service law is to be made a scrap of paper and the spoils system reestablished in the appointment of presidential postmasters.

## A TALK WITH A LEXINGTON MAN

J. P. Tribble, Retired Farmer of 1813 Bloom Street, Tells of an Interesting Experience.

There is nothing like a talk with one of our own citizens for giving hope and encouragement to the anxious sufferer from the dread kidney disease. We, therefore, give here an interview with a Lexington man:

"I was troubled a great deal with my kidneys some years ago," says Mr. Tribble. "The muscles of my back were sore and lame and sharp pains darted up and down my back. My kidneys were weak and acted irregularly and the secretions were highly colored and dizzy spells came over me. I got some Doan's Kidney Pills at Marshall's Drug Store. In a short time I was entirely cured of the trouble. I am certainly glad to recommend this fine kidney remedy."

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Mrs. J. W. Phillips, Redon, Ga., phoned to J. M. Floyd, the merchant there, for a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said she had bought a bottle of it at his store recently and that it was doing her children so much good that she wanted to keep up the treatment. You will find nothing better for coughs and colds in children or for yourself. It keeps the cough loose, expectoration easy and soon frees the system from the cold.

Miss Margaret Murphy and brother, Martin Emmett, of Sedalia, Mo., arrived Sunday evening for a week's visit here with relatives.

## Only a Cold.

Are you ill? Is often answered—"Oh! it's only a cold," as if a cold was a matter of little consequence, but people are beginning to learn that a common cold is a matter not to be trifled with, that some of the most serious diseases start with a cold. As soon as the first indication of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Remember that the sooner you get rid of your cold the less the danger, and this remedy will help you to throw it off.

Mrs. Henry C. Nettles and little daughter of Kansas City, arrived Wednesday evening for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Willson.

## Constipation.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Morrison of Dewey Oklahoma, arrived Friday evening to spend the holidays with Mrs. Morrison's parents, Judge and Mrs. T. A. Walker.

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Adv.

Miss Edith Davis of Kansas City, spent Christmas here with relatives.

Maj. Sanford Sellers, Jr., spent Thursday in Kansas City on business.

Mrs. Inez George left Thursday for Kansas City to spend the holidays with relatives.

Misses Bernice and Bernadine Jenkins are spending the week in Boonville with their brother and family.

George Kerdolff and family of Kansas City, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kerdolff.

Maj. C. L. Mitchell and daughter, Mary Stevens, left Friday to spend the holidays at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Mike Gavin and two children, Miss Mary and William Cavanaugh, of Kansas City, spent Christmas here with relatives.

W. H. Rothermal, Jr., of Chicago, arrived Friday to join Mrs. Rothermal, who is spending the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. S. N. Wilson.

E. W. Hoffman accompanied by his wife and daughter, Mrs. T. J. Holleran, and Miss Genevieve Blee, drove to Kansas City this morning to spend the day.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Mrs. John Langsdale of Kansas City, accompanied by her little son, arrived yesterday evening or a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Aull, Sr.

Henry C. Nettles of Kansas City, arrived Friday evening to join his wife, who is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Willson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Moorehead, Sr., and son, Wingate Moorehead, of Kansas City, arrived Friday evening to spend Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Moorehead, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Wright, of Kansas City, and Mr. and Mrs. James T. Kinkead and little son, James, Jr., of Miami, Oklahoma, left Thursday for their respective homes, after a few days' visit here with relatives.

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